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1. DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE BY THE JULY 6-7 EUROPEAN  
COUNCIL WAS LIMITED TO STOCKTAKING OF PROGRESS IN THE MTN AND  
TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND JAPAN. (REF A) AS HAD BEEN  
EXPECTED (REF B), DISCUSSION OF JAPAN WAS WHOLLY SUBSUMED  
INTO OVERALL DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE.

2. PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS BY SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS WERE LARGELY UNINFORMATIVE. FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT (EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT) INDICATED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, THAT THE JAPANESE MTN OFFER WAS NOT SINGLED OUT FOR DISCUSSION. FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING DECLARED THAT JAPAN SHOULD OPEN ITS MARKETS AND THAT A JAPANESE DECLARATION OF GOOD WILL WAS NOT SUFFICIENT.

3. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DID AGREE ON STATEMENTS CONCERNING TRADE AND JAPAN, WHICH WERE LATER ISSUED TO THE PRESS AS CONCLUSIONS OF THE GERMAN COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. AN FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAS TOLD US, IN THIS REGARD, THAT THE GERMANS WORKED FOR A MUCH STRONGER STATEMENT, ON THE NEED FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE MTN, THAN THE DECLARATION WHICH WAS FINALLY AGREED.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GERMAN PRESIDENCY CONCLUSIONS:

(A) COMMON MARKET: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IS AGREED THAT THE SAFEGUARDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMON MARKET BY FURTHER MEASURES TO REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS AND DISTORTIONS OF COMPETITION ARE A PERMANENT TASK OF THE COMMUNITY.

(B) INTERNATIONAL TRADE: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO STRENGTHEN THE OPEN WORLD TRADING SYSTEM THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS. IT EMPHASIZES THE OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT ATTACHES TO SUBSTANTIAL AND BALANCES RESULTS OF THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IT CALLS UPON ALL TRADING PARTNERS TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ATTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE, IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY WILL PLAY ITS PART. THE EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR AND SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE CLOSELY LINKED AND ARE MUTUAL PREREQUISITES. THE COMMUNITY WILL TAKE STEPS AGAINST PROTECTIONISM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ACCORDINGLY CALLS FOR INCREASED INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND CONSULTATION.

(C) EC-JAPAN: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF A REPORT BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN AND INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE THE TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN COPENHAGEN ON 7 AND 8 APRIL 1978 AND THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY THE COUNCIL ON 27 JUNE 1978. SCHIFFMAN

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